Homegoing Celebration of Missionary. . .

Esther Mae Light

Sunrise: 11/24/1942 - *Sunset:* 04/14/2010

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 11:00a.m.

Independent Community Church
605 South 16th Street • Richmond, CA 94804

Officiating
Pastor Patrick Foster, Abundant Grace Fellowship

Esther Mae Light

Miss Esther Mae arrived in Longstreet, Louisiana to proud parents, Paul Foster Sr. and Earnestine Dickson on November 24, 1942. She was the second eldest of 5 children. In 1962, Esther had a bundle of joy, her beautiful daughter Marcella, who has stood by her side and began assisting her at a very earlier age. Esther married Richard Light in 1979.

The Lord's hand has been upon Esther from her mother's womb. Esther and her siblings, Mary, Thomas (Butch), Paul Jr. and Barbara come from a musically gifted background of talented singers. Her father, Paul Foster, Sr., was one of the lead singers of the Original "Soul Stirrers" with Sam Cooke. Her brother, Paul Foster, Jr., is a recording artist with the renowned group "Consonance". After graduating from Richmond High School, Esther began traveling on the road with her father. Esther was a wonderfully anointed singing song bird from heaven. She harmonized with many local groups including "Local #10", the "Wonderful Souls", the "New World Ensemble ", the "Rising Congregation", the "Noah's Ark Specials", and the powerful "Fos-Stirrers".

Esther graduated from Contra Costa College, and was the first African American woman entrepreneur in the city of Richmond to own a Nail shop. Esther, known for her class and style, owned and operated "Nail It Up" for many years. She was a seamstress who could create the most elegant designs without the use of patterns. Esther loved traveling and was afforded the ability to travel the globe visiting many states, Paris, the Virgin Island, and cruised the Caribbean.

Esther accepted Christ at an early age and attended Providence Baptist Church in Richmond, California with her family. She later joined Independent Holiness Church under the leadership of Pastor Tommie Bradford. Esther was called by God to be a Missionary. She had a passion and sincere love of helping others. Missionary Light orchestrated holiday food give-aways, was President of the Home and Foreign Mission Board, and served with the San Quentin Prison Ministry. She was a gifted Sunday School teacher and speaker, often delivering the Word on Women's Day with her own unique style that rang with a smooth thunder. Missionary Light also taught community-wide Bible Study at Independent which saw young people from different churches come together to study the Bible. Esther spent several years as the Bookkeeper. Using her singing gift from God to edify and build up the body of Christ, she serenaded the congregation as a member of the Adult Choir and Mass Choir for many years.

In December 2009, God led Esther to move to Abundant Grace Fellowship COGIC in El Sobrante, CA to assist the vision of her nephew, Pastor Patrick Foster. As a member of the Finance Committee, she provided guidance and direction using her God given wisdom until Wednesday, April 14, 2010 when God called her home to Glory.

Missionary Esther Light was preceded in death by her parents Paul Sr. and Ernestine Foster, her sisters Barbara and Mary, and her brother, Thomas (Butch). She leaves to cherish her memory: A loving daughter, Marcella Fisher; one brother, Paul Foster, Jr.; three foster sons, Frank, Jerry, and B.J.; daughter/niece Danielle Farr; a cherished granddaughter, Unnisa Tatum; two sister-in-laws, District Missionary Elane Foster and Gloria Foster; her nieces, Aladrian Robinson, Yolanda Anderson, and LaTanya Anderson; her nephews, Jimmy Robinson, Pastor Patrick Foster, Parrish Foster, Jason Foster and a host of great nieces, great nephews, extended family and many friends.

Order Of Service

Esther Mae Light

Processional	Pastor Patrick Foster
Facilitator	Supt Yaahn G. Hunter
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Pastor Jacari Cousins
New Testament	Elder Gregory Curtis
Prayer	Elder Gregory Rideau
Selection	Abundant Praise
Resolution	Sis Ramona Graves
Solo	Bro Fred Jackson
Expressions ..... Please limit to 2 minutes	Family and Friends
Solo	Missionary Zettie Gooden
Acknowledgements of Cards	Sis Sharon Williams
Obituary	Missionary Leslie Smith
Solo	Bro Willie Thomas
Eulogy	Pastor Patrick Foster Abundant Grace Fellowship Ministries COGIC
Recessional	Abundant Praise

INTERMENT
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, CA

To me she's the smartest woman I know,
and it truly does show.

There is no one that compares to her,
no one that even comes close.

I appreciate all the advise she has given me,
I take it in with immense gratitude.

The memories I will forever cherish,
for they are priceless.

For all she has done, I will forever be thankful,
and my love for her only grows more with each
day that passes.

On a high pedestal is where I hold her,
for I admire her so much more than she knows.

Having her apart of my life is the greatest
gift of all, being in her presence
is God's blessing to me.

Looking deep inside of her,
I see that strong, wise woman I hope to become.

Giving, helpful, loving, caring, and kind,
is what defines her.

I guess I should be crazy with the things that I've
been through. But I've had all a kid
could need because I had you.

She is not only my favorite Aunt but she is my role
model, and to be like her, would be my only wish.

Love Always
Danielle

Esther Mae Light

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Glenn Fox
Bobby Williams
Kevin Jackson
Eric Vance
Leo Jackson
Alan Fleming

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Frank Jackson
Jerry Jackson
James Liggins
Paul Foster Jr.
James Robinson

The family of Esther Light would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers from extended family, church family, and friends.

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